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SUBJ: TRIAL OF FORMER REGIME FIGURES

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1. WHILE TRANSITING RUHENGERI JUNE 25, AMB INFORMED BY RELIABLE GOR SOURCE THAT CURRENT TRIAL INVOLVES THIRTY-ONE FORMER OFFICIALS (TWO DIED IN PRISON), PROCEEDINGS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC, PROSECUTOR HAS SO FAR REQUESTED DEATH SENTENCES FOR FIVE, AND TRIAL WILL BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1. HE ALSO SAID FORMER PRES KAYIBANDA WAS BROUGHT TO RUHENGERI JUNE 22 AND IS ALSO NOW ON TRIAL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY CONCERNING PUBLIC REACTION TO ANY EXECUTIONS OR KAYIBANDA HUMILIATION, OFFICIAL NOTED THERE WOULD BE NONE IN "SHORT TERM". HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL REVIEW RESTS WITH PRES HABYARIMANA WHOM HE WAS CONFIDENT WOULD HANDLE MATTER "WISELY."

3. A FEW MILITARY POLICE WERE AT ENTRANCES TO SEVERAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN RUHENGERI BUT ANY EXTENSIVE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE NOT EVIDENT.

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